

**COMBINED DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION  
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that: our residences, post office addresses and citizenships are as stated below next to our names; that we verily believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DISPOSING OF LIQUID SURGICAL WASTE FOR PROTECTION OF HEALTHCARE WORKERS", the specification of which was filed as PCT international application number PCT/US03/25018, on August 8, 2003, and was amended under PCT Article 19 on March 31, 2004 (if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to in the Oath or Declaration.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) on which priority is claimed:

**Prior Foreign/PCT Application(s) and Any Priority Claims  
Under 35 U.S.C. 119:**

<u>Country (if PCT indicate "PCT")</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Date of Filing</u>	<u>Priority Claimed?</u>
PCT	US03/25018	August 8, 2003	Yes

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING  
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⑤ We hereby appoint NIKOLAI & MERSEREAU, P.A., ((Customer Number 23595)) a professional association, consisting of the following attorneys/agents and the following attorneys/agents individually: Thomas J. Nikolai, Registration No. 19,283; Charles G. Mersereau, Registration No. 26,205; Alan D. Kamrath, Registration No. 28,227; Steven E. Kahm, Registration No. 30,860; and James P. Rieke, Registration No. 55,573; of 820 International Centre, 900 Second Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-3813; Telephone No. (612) 339-7461, our attorneys/agents with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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